



REPLY TO THE
ATTENTION OF

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A Holiday Message

The holiday season brings feelings of joy and excitement as we join our families and friends to celebrate the many gifts we've been given throughout the year and the hope we have for the year to come. You, the men and women of United States Southern Command, should be proud of all you've accomplished this year.

In my travels, I have seen first-hand the gifts you have given through your hard work and commitment. Our partner nations continue to see the growth of stability and prosperity because of your efforts. As members of our great nation's military, you have given the gifts of peace and hope to hundreds of thousands of people in our area of responsibility.

All of you have my most heartfelt appreciation for the contributions you've made to our nation and our neighbors. May you find fulfillment this holiday season in knowing that you have made, and continue to make, life better for others. Linda and I wish you and your families a joyous and safe holiday season and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bantz J. Craddock".

Bantz J. Craddock
General, US Army
Commander